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Virgin Islands Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2021

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of the 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order at 12:13 p.m. by Chair Kyza Callwood.

II. Roll Call

The following were present: Kyza Callwood, Winona Hendricks, Shawna K. Richards, Emmanuella Perez-Cassius, Jeanette Smith-Barry, Judy M. Gomez, Nandi Sekou and Terrence Joseph. Member Nandi Sekou joined after roll call.

Absent: Members Angel Bolques, Jr. and Jeanette Smith-Barry were absent.

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Stephanie Berry

III. VIDE's revised curriculum framework

Vice-Chair Hendricks gave a brief overview of the curriculum.

Members gave feedback on the curriculum. Comments included the sustainability, link to content standards, pre-K concerns and the focus on literacy.

Chair Hendricks asked that the goals be revisited with COVID in mind. She asked that members conditionally adopt the framework, which is presently not a comprehensive document reflecting merged VIDE edits. Member Gomez commended the work of the PRR Chair and also shared her concerns about career and vocational education, the status of the related classroom structures, and the importance of hands on OJT.

There were concerns about whether the framework aligns with curriculum.

Members Richards said the Board should not be acting on an incomplete document. Member Gomez asked if a comprehensive document could be submitted within 15 days. Member Sekou asked if the Board could wait until VIDE submits a complete document.

MOTION – Member Hendricks made a motion to adopt VIDE curriculum framework subject to receiving a comprehensive document within 15 days with specific conditions to be completed in one year.

SECOND – Member Gomez

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Voting was as follows:

Yea (4) – K. Callwood, W. Hendricks, J. Gomez, and E. Perez-Cassius

Nay (3) – S. Richards, T. Joseph, N. Sekou

Absent – A. Bolques, Jr. and J. Smith-Barry

The motion carried.

A letter will be sent to the VIDE the following Monday and will be specific about merging the documents.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Joseph moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Vice-Chair Hendricks

So ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Submitted By:



Shawna K. Richards, PMP
Secretary

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